

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) An adaptive saddle for use on a horse with handicapped, disabled, and injured riders, comprising:

a saddle body having a pommel and a cantle, a front attachment point ~~means~~ mounted to said saddle body adjacent said pommel, and a rear attachment point ~~means~~ mounted to said saddle body adjacent said cantle; and

a support assembly including a vertically extending support member adapted to be selectively and releasably attached to each of said front and rear attachment point ~~means~~ points and a trunk pad mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member, said support assembly providing support to a handicapped, disabled, or injured rider from behind when attached to said rear attachment point ~~means~~ and from in front when attached to said front attachment point ~~means~~.

21. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 20 including a headrest mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member.

22. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 20 including a pair of handgrip assemblies removably attached to said support member and selectively moveable transverse to said support member.

23. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 20 including a transverse frame member removably mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member and a pair of arm members each removably and adjustably attached to said frame member.

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24. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 23 including a pair of forearm pads, each said forearm pad being removably attached to an associated one of said arm members.

25. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 24 including a pair of handgrip assemblies each removably and adjustably attached to an associated one of said forearm pads.

26. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 23 wherein each of said forearm pads is at least one of moveable along and rotatable about said associated arm member.

27. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 23 including a pair of handgrip assemblies each removably and adjustably attached to an associated one of said arm members.

28. (Currently Amended) An adaptive saddle for use on a horse with handicapped, disabled, and injured riders, comprising:

a saddle body having a pommel and a cantle, a front attachment point ~~means~~ mounted to said saddle body adjacent said pommel, and a rear attachment point ~~means~~ mounted to said saddle body adjacent said cantle;

a support assembly including a vertically extending support member adapted to be selectively and releasably attached to each of said front and rear attachment point ~~means~~ points and a trunk pad mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member, said support assembly providing support to a handicapped, disabled, or injured rider from behind when attached to said rear attachment point ~~means~~ and from in front when attached to said front attachment point ~~means~~;

at least one arm member removably attached to said support member and adjustable along said support member; and

a forearm pad removably attached to said at least one arm member and moveable along said at least one arm member.

29. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 28 including a handgrip assembly removably attached to said forearm pad and moveable relative to said forearm pad.

30. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 28 including a headrest mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member.

31. (Previously Presented) The adaptive saddle according to Claim 28 including a transverse frame member removably mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member, said at least one arm member being removably and adjustably attached to said frame member.

32. (Currently Amended) An adaptive saddle for use on a horse with handicapped, disabled, and injured riders, comprising:

a saddle body having a pommel and a cantle, a front attachment point means mounted to said saddle body adjacent said pommel, and a rear attachment point means mounted to said saddle body adjacent said cantle;

a support assembly including a vertically extending support member adapted to be selectively and releasably attached to each of said front and rear attachment point means points, said support assembly providing support to a handicapped, disabled, or injured rider from behind when attached to said rear attachment point means and from in front when attached to said front attachment point means;

a trunk pad mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member,

a headrest mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member;

a transverse frame member removably mounted on and selectively moveable along said support member;

a pair of arm members each removably and adjustably attached to said frame member;

a pair of forearm pads, each said forearm pad being removably attached to an associated one of said arm members; and

a pair of handgrip assemblies each removably and adjustably attached to an associated one of said forearm pads and said arm members.